Tax on on-line shopping

3306. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are charging any tax on on-line shopping of articles; and

(b) if so, the details of such tax charged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) As per Entry 54, List II, Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, tax on sale or purchase of goods is a State subject. Hence, Government of India has no comments to offer in this regard.

World Bank Loans

3307. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan taken by Government and each State from World Bank, IMF and other International financial institutions during the last three years;

(b) the amount outstanding at present;

(c) the interest being paid annually on this loan; and

(d) the amount of loan still not disbursed to the beneficiary and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The external loan taken by the Government of India from international financial institutions during the last three years are as indicated in the annexed Statement-I (*See* below).

Under the provisions of the Constitution, the executive powers of a State extend to borrowing only within the territory of India. Also, under the VII Schedule of the Constitution, 'Foreign Loans' come under the Union list. Thus, State Governments cannot receive financial assistance from foreign countries/institutions directly. The external assistance in respect of projects implemented in various States are obtained by the Central Government and passed on to the States as Additional Central Assistance.

(b) The information is annexed as Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The information is annexed as Statement-III (*See* below).

(d) The external assistance is largely project-tied and therefore, utilisation of the sanctioned aid for any project is spread over the project implementation period. As a result, there would always be some unutilised amount at any point of time, reflecting the assistance in pipeline, which will be used as project implementation progresses.

Statement-I

Loan taken by Government from International Financial Institutions

(Figures in Rs. crore)

Institution	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
International Development Association (IDA)	4338.21	4264.44	5260.05
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	713.46	799.38	969.39
International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)	0.00	70.13	0.00
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	6452.13	5713.47	5836.05

Statement-II

External Debt Outstanding in respect of International Financial Institutions

(Figures in Rs. crore)

Institution	Debt outstanding as on 31.3.2003
International Development Association (IDA)	100930.62
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	7610.60
International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)	1172.01
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	19031.39

Statement-III

Interest Payment during 2000-2001 to 2002-2003

(Figures in Rs. crore)

Institution	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
International Development Association (IDA)	628.46	671.90	732.61
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	726.98	812.20	990.76
International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)	9.85	10.01	10.72
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	1460.29	1312.84	1279.26

PAN card holders in the country

3308. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of PAN card holders in the country including the four metros as on December, 2002;

(b) how many applications are pending for more than one year/six months for issuance of these cards;

(c) whether it is a fact that many cards are wrongly printed causing problems to the card holders;

(d) what action is being taken to correct these cards; and

(e) whether it is also a fact the services of this division is very poor and the steps taken to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Total Number of PAN card holders in the country as on 31.12.2002 (including four metros) was 2.36 crores.

(b) The pendancy of applications as on 31.12.2002 comes to 17 lakhs which is mainly due to core deficiencies in the applications. Age-wise break up of pendency is not maintained.